

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

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SUBJECT: Plants - Information - Small Business Loan Sources

Purpose

The purpose of this working memo is to serve as a source of information concerning some of the loans available for small businesses.

Introduction

Shellfish specialists may find that certified dealers or prospective dealers want to make capital improvements on their facilities but do not have the funds to do so. The list below contains the web addresses for information that may be of help to these persons.

Loan Source Information

- 1) The Department of Business Assistance (<http://www.dba.state.va.us>) is a tremendous resource. Click on "Financing", then click on "Capital Resources Directory" in the left hand column.
- 2) The Department of Environmental Quality (<http://www.deq.state.va.us>) has funding available for pollution control and for brownfields. Brownfields refer to abandoned business sites, and initiating a shellfish business on such a site may qualify for financial aid. Click on the button "Select an Environmental Program" and select "VIP2."

Summary

Shellfish specialists may give a prospective or current dealer a copy of this working memo as a source of information to get started finding financial aid. If the person does not have a computer, the specialist can copy some of the information off the website to distribute.